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SUBJ: TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF CYPRUS RELATED  
DEVELOPMENTS

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1. WEEKEND EDITIONS (MAR 1-3) OF VARIOUS TURKISH DAILIES  
CARRIED FOUR CYPRUS-RELATED STORIES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.  
THESE STORIES INCLUDED:

--THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO PRESIDENT FAHRI KIRUTURK FROM  
PRESIDENT FORD FEB 5 CONCERNING THE MILITARY AID CUT-OFF.

--A REPORT THAT FORMIN MELIH ESENBEL MAY MEET WITH  
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SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WESTERN EUROPE EARLY THIS MONTH.

--NICOSIA DATE-LINED STORIES THAT THE U.S., WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MAKARIOS GOVT, HAS BEEN OPERATING U-2 FLIGHTS FROM BRITISH BASES AND THAT THE USSR HAS DEMANDED AN EXPLANATION FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION.

--A LONG INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN BRADEMAMAS IN WHICH HE EXPLAINS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE AID CUT-OFF.

2. THE PURPORTED TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER -- WHICH IN FACT WAS AN ACCURATE TRANSLATION--APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURİYET'S SATURDAY (MAR 1) EDITION. THE LETTER WAS OFFERED WITHOUT COMMENT OR INTERPRETATION. A LEAD PARAGRAPH MERELY SAID THAT THE LETTER HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PRES KORUTURK THE MORNING OF FEB 5. THE CUMHURİYET STORY GAVE NO INDICATION OF HOW THE PAPER OBTAINED THE DOCUMENT. NO OTHER TURKISH DAILY CARRIED THE LETTER.

3. THE POSSIBILITY OF A KISSNER-ESENBEL MEETING IN BRUSSELS WAS REPORTED IN THE MONDAY (MAR 3) EDITION OF MILLİYET IN AN EXCLUSIVE STORY BY NILUFER YALCIN, THE PAPER'S EXTREMELY WELL-CONNECTED DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT IN ANKARA. ACCORD

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ING TO THE REPORT, THE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE WHEN ESENBEL VISITS BRUSSELS THIS MONTH, AND TURKISH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT CONCERNING THIS POSSIBILITY. YALCIN ALSO REPORTED THAT A KISSINGER-BITSIOS MEETING ROME WAS QUITE LIKELY. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE REALIZATION OF THESE CONTACTS DEPENDS BOTH ON INTERNAL TURKISH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ON THE OUTCOME OF USG EFFORTS TO RESTORE MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

4. MOST MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY MONDAY TO WIRE SERVICE STORIES FROM NICOSIA THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS REACTED SHARPLY TO REPORTS THAT AMERICAN U-2 AIRCRAFT ARE OPERATING FROM BRITISH BASES ON CYPRUS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MAKARIOS GOVT. THESE STORIES ALSO NOTE THAT A GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER IN NICOSIA HAS REPORTED THE UNITED STATES HAS REQUESTED THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMUNICATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE BASE, OR A NAVAL BASE, IN THE TURKISH-HELD PART OF THE ISLAND. ACCORDING TO THE NICOSIA PAPER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN EXPERTS HAVE ALREADY VISITED THE TURKISH SECTOR WITH A VIEW TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A BASE. THE ALLEGATION THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WAS AWARE OF U.S. SPY PLANE OPERATIONS LED SENSATIONALIST, MASS-CIRCULATION GÜNAYDIN TO DECLARE THAT TURKEY NOW HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNMASK THE HYPOCRISY OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S CLAIMS TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST "THIRD WORLD".

5. IN A FINAL ITEM OF INTEREST IN WEEKEND EDITIONS, THE ENGLISH-

LANGUAGE ANKARA DAILY, THE TURKISH DAILY NEWS, CARRIED A LONG EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BY NURTEN CEVIK, WIFE OF THE PUBLISHER, WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN BRADEMAS. IN THE INTERVIEW, BRADEMAS STRESSED THAT HE COULD NOT FAVOR MILITARY AID TO A COUNTRY WHICH HAS USED U.S.-PROVIDED ARMS FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LEGAL TERMS FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE CONGRESSMAN DECLARED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE FIRST TURKISH MILITARY ACTION ON THE ISLAND, BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THE SECOND MILITARY ACTION WAS UTTERLY UNJUSTIFIED. IN PRESENTING THE INTERVIEW, THE DAILY NEWS SAID IT WOULD "DEMONSTRATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH MR. BRADEMAS IS MIS-INFORMED ON TURKISH POLICIES AND INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS CYPRUS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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6. COMMENT: THAT CUMHURIYET COULD OBTAIN THE TEXT OF PRES FORD'S LETTER TO PRES KORUTURK AND THAT MILLIYET COULD OBTAIN PLAUSIBLE "INSIDE INFORMATION" ON THE STATE OF PLAY ON ARRANGMENTS FOR AN ESENBEL-KISSINGER MEETING REFLECTS, WE BELIEVE, THE AGITATED STATE OF TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THE TURKISH GOVT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO LEAKS OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION EVEN AT VERY HIGH LEVELS.  
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